

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Darrell Henderson has demonstrated statesmanship, innovation, commitment, leadership and vision as a member of the Grand Electric Board of Directors from 1974 through 1983, general manager of Grand Electric and West River Cooperative Telephone from 1984 until 2001 ultimately leading both cooperatives to unparalleled success; and,

Whereas, Darrell achieved lasting changes in advancing the cooperative movement as a member of Basin Electric's Advisory Committee, the South Dakota Rural Electric Association's (SDREA) Managers Association, the South Dakota Association of Telephone Cooperatives (SDATC) Manager's Association, and the SDATC Legislative Committee; and,

Whereas, Darrell was one of the founding incorporators of Express Communications which helped bring rural consumers a choice in long distance services, and has been a longtime member of the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition (now known as the South Dakota Telecommunications Association) Board of Directors; and,

Whereas, Darrell's leadership as Board President of SDN Communications from 1997 through 2001 helped South Dakota become a national leader in fiber optic deployment moving the state quickly into the digital age; and,

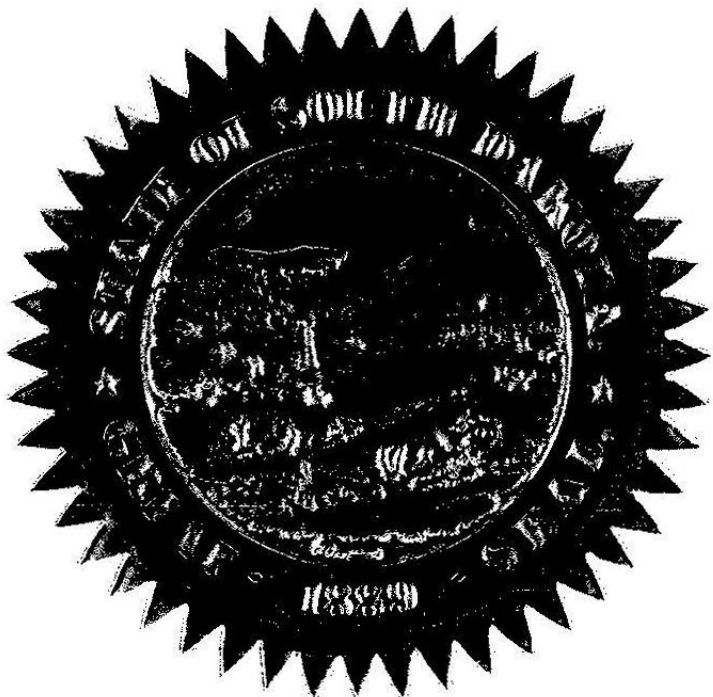
Whereas, Darrell has been active in community affairs throughout his professional career and into his retirement as a member of the Bison Presbyterian Church, Bison Commercial Club, the Hettinger (North Dakota) Lutheran Church, and the Hettinger Eagles Club; and,

Whereas, The citizens and cooperative community of South Dakota wish to thank Darrell Henderson for his exceptional leadership in the rural electric and rural telecommunications industries and a special thanks to his family for their lifelong support of his efforts:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2005, as

DARRELL HENDERSON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State